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ERIC HAWKINS,

MANAGING EDITOR OF THE PARIS HERALD OF THE N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE

WHO HAS JUST ARRIVED ON THE S. S. CARONIA, WILL GIVE US THE PITCH ON

"REPORTERS OF THE PARIS HERALD WHOM I HAVE KNOWN"

OR

"THE HISTORY OF THE LEFT BANK AND AMERICAN REPORTERS"

OR

"LUGS AND THEIR PASTIMES"

MOST OF OUR MEMBERS KNOW AND LOVE ERIC HAWKINS HE IS A GREAT GUY AND HE WILL
SPEAK INFORMALLY AS ONLY ERIC CAN NEWS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN CLUB IN PARIS AND
NEWS OF THE CORRESPONDENTS THERE NOW, OF COURSE.

ALSO

WALTER KERR,

CORRESPONDENT OF THE NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE,

WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO TAKE UP HIS POST AS FOREIGN EDITOR OF THE PAPER HERE IN NEW
YORK. KERR HAS BEEN HEAD OF THE PARIS BUREAU OF THE HERALD-TRIBUNE FOR THE PAST TWO
YEARS HIS KNOWLEDGE OF EUROPEAN POLITICS WILL DICTATE HIS SPEECH ABOUT THE CON-
TINENT TODAY.

* RAILWAY PROGRESS *

* FOR A PROSPEROUS COUNTRY *

***** CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO LINES *****

There will be a meeting of the Membership Committee on Thursday, January 27th at 5:30 P.M. in the clubrooms, according to Louis Lochner and Robert Eckhouse, co-chairmen of the Committee. Individual notices have been mailed to the members.

The members of the Bulletin Committee who are anxious to increase the flow of news to the Bulletin Editor urge members to send in their contributions, not only about themselves, but about members.

In a bull session at the Overseas Press clubrooms, the decrease in the number of full time foreign correspondents provided a serious subject for discussion by members. If you remember, the Overseas Press Club, in a survey of correspondents in the field more than a year ago ascertained that the number was then around five hundred. During the war, the number of war correspondents was, of course, 2600 in all.

Members of the Club who have been foreign correspondents and war correspondents since the turn of the century, estimated that about 300 foreign correspondents were serving abroad before World War II. In a rounding-up of the number of foreign correspondents serving abroad before World War I, the OPC has tallied about forty-seven correspondents in all. Lucian Kirtland, former President of the Overseas Press Club and one of the first foreign correspondents for Leslie's magazine, reported that the Associated Press had in 1912 about three people in London, two in Paris, two in Berlin and two in Rome, with two more roving correspondents.

During the same period, the United Press had about the same number in the same cities as the AP. However, much of the foreign news was bought from Reuter's which had an extensive staff all over the world, including South America where there were almost no American correspondents.

The New York Herald had about five correspondents in Europe; the Chicago Tribune about four; the New York Times about ten and in the same cities as the news agencies; the New York World had about three; the International News Service had about five foreign correspondents. Every so often, roving men would be sent to India and the Far East, but for the most part, news from that part of the world came from Reuters. News from native stringers was used frequently but on space rates.

Some Americans living in doubtful circumstances abroad at the time would send in scandal stories from around the world and get paid, if ever, on space rates.

The moral of the above figures is that we are not down to the 1912 level yet but we seem to be on the way. Many independent newspapers who had correspondents abroad before World War II now depend on the news agencies for their news. As a subject for professional discussion, the lifeline of information to the American people by press and radio from the rest of the world is at stake!!!

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Bob Benjamin of Time-Life has been appointed head of the Mexico City Bureau of that organization. He is driving down there the end of the month. Bob says that if anyone wants to ride down with him and share the expenses, they should give him a ring at the office.

MATCH OF TWO OPC MEMBERS..... Sara Lamport, formerly of the N.Y.Herald Tribune staff in Washington, is engaged to be married to Louis Azrael, columnist of the Baltimore News-Post.

APARTMENT FOR RENT..... Three rooms on East 57th Street, fully furnished, linens, silver, etc., three or four months sublet: price somewhere around \$275.00. Call the office.

Dame Rumor has it that all department heads of the American Broadcasting Company have been ordered to cut their departmental expenses by twenty-five percent. Heads are falling all around. Spyrous Skouras is reported to be interested in buying ABC, for television rights. Columbia Broadcasting System is also reported to be cutting its news staff. The high cost of television shows and their effect on radio is the center of gossip around radio circles these days.

AVAILABLE..... One of our free lancing members in Paris is looking for some string work on query basis for technical, scientific, cosmetic or fashion outfits in the States. Top experience in news and can travel anywhere in Europe. Call the club office for details.

For the benefit of members in Europe who were wondering where Dan and Alma de Luce of the Associated Press are now stationed, the couple are in Palestine and busy covering the Arab-Israel conflict.

Violet Price of Time-Life reports that Bob Benjamin replaces John Stanton in Mexico--- Stanton goes to Paris to replace Frank Gibney who goes to Tokyo to give Carl and Shelley Mydans a hand and to free member Carl for a number of Life assignments which have been brewing, including a trip to Indonesia..... Bill and Connie White who have been in Rio de Janeiro for Time for the last year are home for a few weeks vacation before going back to Brazil. Sam Welles is en route to have a quick look-see in the Far East for Time-Life; first stop, Tokyo.

People have been calling up to find out where Max Boyd's wife is staying in New York. Max is still in Cario for the Associated Press but his wife was scheduled to spend some time in New York and the States. Call the office if you know where the damsel can be tracked down.

Sydney Moseley, who has been in London for the past months, is spending some time in Montreux. He sends greetings to friends in the club from the majestic Alps.



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Larry LeSueuer, CBS, returned on the De Grasse last week from his assignment covering the UN General Assembly in Paris. Larry stayed in France after the sessions to do some broadcasts on the general situation in that country and was heard quite often on the morning news round-up of CBS at 8 A.M.

AVAILABLE. Correspondent in Chicago who is really in the know on Chicago politics. This guy in the cow-gangster country, as he calls it, would be interested in string assignments or a retainer commission on general information. Call the office for the name.

John Lloyd of the Associated Press in London sends best wishes to members in the Club. John says the Bulletin is much appreciated reading in England.

The House Committee recommended to the Board that the Club stay open in the evening until 8 P.M. only as members drop in during the day and at cocktail time more than later in the evening. Therefore, the Club will be open from now on from 9:30 A.M. until 8 P.M. However, if you are passing in Times Square, look up at the windows of the Club. If you see lights, somebody is there, so drop up.

The following applications were passed and approved at the meeting of the Admissions Committee held on Tuesday, January 4. Although the names had not been posted in the Bulletin, the qualifications of the applicants were beyond question, according to Craig Thompson, Chairman.

ACTIVE:

WALTER CRONKITE, JR. United Press Associations. North Atlantic Fleet, 1942; North Africa, 1942; British Isles, 1943-44; 101st Airborne Division, British Second Army, Canadian First Army, U.S. Third Army, U.S. Ninth Air Force. 1944-45; Belgium, Netherlands, 1945; Nuremberg trials, 1946; Moscow, 1946 to 1948, all for the United Press.

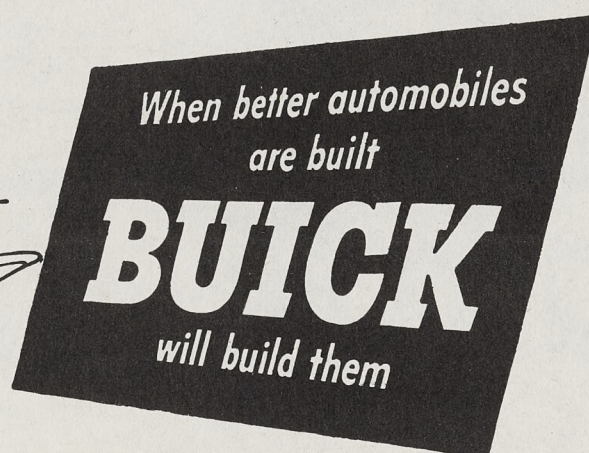
WILLIAM P. GRAY, Life Magazine. Pacific and Philippines, 1944-45; China and Asia, 1945 to 1948, all for Time and Life.

FRANK KINGDON, New York Post and Home News, now in Europe. Europe, 1929, 1931, 1935, 1937, mostly in England and France for Christian Advocate and other publications.

Following news from members in Vienna: Charley Bernard of the United Press, has mended his broken leg (cracked in some violent horseplay) and may be coming to the States soon. According to members of the Berlin Press Club, Bernard is one of the best tap dancers around. Ed Korry, formerly of the London staff of UP, is now in Belgrade, replacing the guy who was kicked out recently, name of Gingrich. Yugoslavs don't censor foreign correspondents - they just expel 'em.

H.J. Timperley has returned from Indonesia where he served six months as the Deputy Principal General of the United Nations Committee for Good Offices. En route home via Europe, "Timp" foregathered with Earl Leaf in Paris where Earl is busy photographing the night life of that city for a new book. Leaf expects to be in France for several more months.

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Emil Schurmacher wrote about Bill Kelly, "Peephole Cameraman" in the January 9th issue of "This Week" magazine.

Quentin Reynolds had an article in the January 1st issue of Collier's about "The Toughest Cop in Berlin" while Bill Davidson in the same issue authored the piece "Nine Wise Men and You."

Joseph B. Phillips in his column "Foreign Tides" in Newsweek issue of January 17th writes that although President Truman may be enticed into a change in our Russian policy, the Soviet foreign policy is becoming more determined in the cause of violent revolution.

Ruth Karpf has an article in the current issue of The Nation about Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary.

Bill Doerflinger, one of the editors of E.P.Dutton's, is conducting a course in fiction writing for the commercial market at the School of Business Administration at the City College of New York.

Jack Glenn, March of Time, is the Secretary of the Screen Writers Guild and edits the Bulletin of that organization.

Sidelights of the New Year's Eve Party.... Somebody's guest asked Bob Considine if he ever wrote about sports. The member, blushing for his guest, intervened quickly, saying "My God, he invented them." A member who shall be nameless won a big box of candy. He kept trying to exchange it for something else with the excuse, "I really have diabetes." ... Ken Giniger who had sent books for prizes was amused when one of the books entitled "The Sex Problem" was won by an unmarried spinster of 45 years odd.. An attractive OPC guy seemed to have the habit of sitting at all of the girls' feet in earnest conversation (no less). One of the House Committee members who was appalled at the debris after the party remarked that we should have waxed the lad's trousers and thereby polished the floor..... A glassy-eyed OPC wit went up to a feminine member who was on the wagon and had been drinking gingerale all evening. He solemnly said, "If you don't stop drinking those tall highballs, you will fall flat on your face, young lady." Whereupon the gentleman "tripped" and - oh, dropped.

Larry Blochman who carved the baked ham at the buffet was kept so busy that he finally served it on the carving knife as he cut it. Yours for the OPC New Year.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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